

My name is Jason Vaillancourt and I am a Police Officer with the Athol Police Department. I have been employed by the Town of Athol since 1995. I am currently finishing my Masters Degree program at Anna Maria College in Paxton Mass.

The reason why I am sending out this survey to the residents of Athol is for two reasons. Number one is to complete the requirements of my Masters Degree program. Number two is to obtain and inform the residents of Athol of the results of the survey to help build a better relationship between the residents and the members of the police department.

There are several misconceptions about how the Athol Police Department operates and what is required from them. Conversely, there are several situations or concerns in which the Athol Police Department does not know about the residents of Athol.

Please take a few seconds to complete the survey. You can then mail the survey back or drop it off at the Athol Police Department, 280 Exchange Street Athol, MA 01331 or fax it to 978-249-7903 Attn: Officer Vaillancourt.

Thank You in advance for your cooperation and support.

Jason Vaillancourt

The purpose of this project is to obtain information from residents and business owners in the Town of Athol relating to the relationships between police and citizens of town and try to address several concerns and needs within the town. The subjects involved in this research will involve the police department and town residents in Athol Massachusetts.

One of the main procedures for data collection within this research project will be with the use of a survey on the Town of Athol website. The survey will be posted on a non bias concept and will allow the residents to remain anonymous. We will also attempt to identify any previous data collected from years past and compare it to current data obtained.

We will attempt to address how the public views the police. We will try to properly inform the public of certain misconceptions. We will also try to identify where improvement is needed in the duties and responsibilities of the current staffing. Finally, we will try to address any needs the police department has with the current equipment and resources they are currently working with.

1) Please rate the Athol Police Department in the following areas: (circle one)

A) Officers response time-----EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, POOR

B) Officers professionalism-----EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, POOR

C) Overall experience/interaction-----EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, POOR

2) Do you believe or feel that the police department has a citation quota which has to be met every week or month?-----YES or NO

3) Do you believe or know if the Athol Police Department has adequate facilities to hold a prisoner or person under arrest to include jail cells?-----YES or NO

4) How many police officers do you believe are on duty at one time in the Town of Athol? \_\_\_\_\_

5) How many police officers do you believe the Athol Police Department employs at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Are you willing to call the Athol Police Department when you see or hear a crime or suspicious activities occurring in your neighborhood?-----YES or NO

7) I believe that most of the crime in my community is caused by or is related to drugs.

**Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Neutral/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree**

8) I believe that most of the crime in my community is caused by or is related to alcohol.

**Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Neutral/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree**

9) If a police officer is physically injured by a suspect while on duty do you believe this is an expected part of his or her job?-----YES or NO (circle one)

10) Do you believe that the Athol Police Department has all of the adequate equipment need to do their job properly?-----YES or NO